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LETTER DATED 20 OCTOBER 1991 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I wish to inform you that United States aircraft continue to violate Iraqi airspace, as follows:

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1. On 17/18 October 1991, United States aircraft continued to violate Iraqi airspace for the purpose of observation and provocation by means of 24 sorties flown by 11 two-aircraft formations and two single aircraft at speeds of 550 to 720 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 2,500 to 6,500 kilometres. The United States flights were concentrated over the areas of Mosul, Zakho, Amadiyah, Dohuk, Arbil and Tall'afar and the area east of Sinjar.

2. At 1135 hours on the same day, two F-16s overflew Faruq airfield at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 200 metres.

3. At 1650 hours on the same day, six aircraft, consisting of two F-16s and two A-10s flying at a high speed and at an altitude of 500 metres and two unidentified aircraft flying at an altitude of 10 metres, overflew Firnas airfield.

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1. On 18/19 October 1991, United States aircraft continued to violate Iraqi airspace for purposes of observation and provocation by means of 12 sorties flown by five two-aircraft formations and two single aircraft at speeds of 500 to 1,100 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 1,000 to 6,000 metres. The flights were concentrated over the areas of Dohuk, Zakho, Amadiyah, Arbil, Mosul and Tall'afar.

2. At 1422 hours on the same, a single aircraft coming from Turkish airspace violated Iraqi airspace over the areas of Zakho and Amadiyah flying at altitudes of 4,000 to 6,000 metres and at a speed of 750 kilometres per hour.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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